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**Cost Estimates of "KennedyCare"  
— Nationwide and Selected States —**

By shedding a patient protection already available under current law, Democrats have trimmed the cost of Senator Kennedy's managed care bill (S. 6/S. 1256). The bill will now increase private health insurance premiums a mere 4.8 percent above inflation [Congressional Budget Office]. But is this really the minor increase Democrats claim?

Data from the Barents Group, an economic consulting firm, reveal the effects of a 4.8-percent increase:

*higher health care costs, lower wages, fewer jobs, and less coverage.*

Canceling coverage leaves patients exposed to expensive medical bills. That's not patient protection. It's patient abuse.

**IMPACT OF THE KENNEDY MANAGED CARE BILL (S. 6/S. 1256)**

	Lost wages per household (1999)	Jobs lost (by 2003)	Additional uninsured (1999)
NATIONWIDE	\$163	152,700	1.5 million
Arizona	\$131	n/a	26,900
California	\$182	17,600	214,000
Colorado	\$160	2,400	25,500
Delaware	\$186	n/a	3,900
Florida	\$140	11,700	83,900
Georgia	\$166	5,000	39,100
Illinois	\$163	6,300	70,100

	Lost wages per household (1999)	Jobs lost (by 2003)	Additional uninsured (1999)
Iowa	\$120	n/a	13,800
Kentucky	\$149	n/a	23,700
Maryland	\$179	n/a	35,400
Massachusetts	\$204	n/a	34,400
Michigan	\$157	n/a	46,300
Minnesota	\$142	n/a	28,600
Missouri	\$156	3,800	35,900
Nevada	\$119	n/a	12,200
New Hampshire	\$151	n/a	4,900
New Jersey	\$195	3,800	47,900
New Mexico	\$130	n/a	8,100
New York	\$212	8,600	92,900
North Carolina	\$137	4,300	33,800
Ohio	\$167	7,400	65,200
Oklahoma	\$118	1,800	18,100
Oregon	\$126	n/a	22,500
Pennsylvania	\$183	5,900	58,000
Rhode Island	\$152	n/a	6,200
South Carolina	\$164	n/a	19,300
Tennessee	\$85	n/a	16,400
Texas	\$157	10,600	97,300
Vermont	\$107	n/a	1,500
Virginia	\$153	n/a	34,700
Washington	\$141	4,000	39,700
Wisconsin	\$151	n/a	33,500

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